

# THE SAVIOR WHO MEETS US ON THE ROAD

**LUKE 24:13-35**

**CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – APRIL 27, 2025**

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## SERMON OUTLINE

### Introduction:

- Joy and sorrow often collide unexpectedly (fishing trip vs. sudden loss).
- Life after Easter often feels uncertain, not victorious.
- Jesus meets us even when we don't see Him clearly.

### I. The Struggle of a Confused Heart (Luke 24:13–17)

- Two disciples (Cleopas and likely Mary) walk away from Jerusalem in sorrow and confusion.
- Jesus draws near even though they don't recognize Him.
- Greek insights: heartfelt grieving ('homiléō') and heated discussion ('syzētēō').
- Despair can become the soil for divine clarity.

### II. The Seeking of a Troubled Heart (Luke 24:15–27)

- Jesus initiates — steps toward them, listens to them, and then teaches them.
- He interprets Scripture, showing how the entire Old Testament points to Him.
- Specific examples from Moses and the Prophets (Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 53, Psalm 22, etc.).

### III. The Shouting of a Changed Heart (Luke 24:30–35)

- Their eyes are opened during the breaking of bread.
- Hearts burn within them — they cannot stay silent.
- Immediate action: They return to Jerusalem to tell others.
- True encounters with Christ lead to mission, not complacency.

### Conclusion:

- Every believer is commanded to make disciples — no exceptions.
- Illustrated with the story of Vibia Perpetua — courageous faith in adversity.
- Call to action: Live out the Great Commission urgently and courageously.

## SERMON RECAP

In Luke 24, we meet two confused disciples walking away from the cross, burdened with questions and disappointment. They are joined by the risen Jesus, though they don't recognize Him at first. Jesus listens to their sorrows, then lovingly points them to the Scriptures, showing how all of history points to Him. Their hearts burn with new understanding, and they rush back to Jerusalem to proclaim the resurrection. Life may leave us confused and hurting, but Jesus walks with us — and once we recognize Him, we are sent out to make disciples.

## SERMON BIG IDEA

Jesus walks with us in our confusion, reveals Himself through His Word, ignites our hearts, and sends us out to make disciples.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus meets us right where we are, not when we “have it all together.”
- Doubt and disappointment can be fertile ground for encountering Jesus.
- The Word of God is essential to recognizing Jesus clearly.
- True faith ignites action — hearts set ablaze lead to mission.



- Making disciples is not optional; it is the normal life of every Christ-follower.

## **FUN ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

“If you were stuck on a fishing trip with wild kids and total chaos, who would you want as your co-captain and why?”

*(Keep it light and fun! Encourage laughter to ease into deeper conversation.)*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

***(Grouped by Observation --> Interpretation --> Application)***

***Observation: What does the passage say?***

1. What emotions were the two disciples experiencing on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-17)?
2. How did Jesus approach the disciples while they were confused and sorrowful?
3. What is significant about the disciples not recognizing Jesus at first?

***Interpretation: What does the passage mean?***

1. Why do you think Jesus listened to their disappointment before explaining the Scriptures?
2. What does Jesus’ explanation of Scripture tell us about the central theme of the Bible?
3. Why is it important that their “hearts burned” as He opened the Scriptures? What does that reveal about how transformation happens?

***Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?***

1. When have you experienced Jesus walking with you during a difficult or confusing time?
2. What role does daily engagement with Scripture play in helping you see Jesus clearly in your life?
3. What fears or hesitations might be holding you back from making disciples?
4. Who is one person you sense God is calling you to begin discipling — and what is one step you can take this week to start?

## **FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

Making disciples isn’t an optional “extra” for super-Christians — it’s the normal expectation for every follower of Jesus. Just like the two on the road to Emmaus, when our hearts burn with the reality of the risen Christ, we are compelled to share. Let’s be a generation that doesn’t just quote the Great Commission — but lives it boldly and urgently.

